

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 184046
ORIGIN LAB-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 INR-07
NSAE-00 SIL-01 AGRE-00 AID-05 USIA-15 /055 R

DRAFTED BY LABOR: IGOLDEN/BLS
APPROVED BY STATE: JOGRADY
LABOR: DLAZORCHICK
LABOR: IGOLDEN

-----006317 061532Z /45

R 051416Z AUG 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

UNCLAS STATE 184046

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BR/ELAB

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

REFERENCE: RIO 3346

1. DOL HAVING DIFFICULTY MEETING DATES PROPOSED IN REFTEL
DUE TO CONFLICT WITH TEACHING SCHEDULES OF THREE
UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. REQUEST
LABOR ATTACHE PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF NOVEMBER 1-15
INSTEAD OR ANY ALTERNATE TWO WEEKS WHICH END NO LATER
THAN NOVEMBER 20, FOR ENTIRE MISSION. DOL WOULD THEN
ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE COVERAGE BY PART OF THE MISSION FOR
THE CHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM AND OTHER VISITS BY STAGGERING
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MISSION MEMBERS.

2. THE SITES, COMMENTS AND PLANS SUGGESTED BY DR. WEBER
ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN THOSE DISCUSSED DURING
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 184046

GOLDEN'S MARCH VISIT. IT APPEARS THAT DR. WEBER HAS NOT
REVIEWED THE SEMINAR OUTLINE THAT WAS SENT OR RECALLED
ALL ITEMS REQUESTED BY HIM AND/OR HIS STAFF. MOST OF

REQUESTS MADE IN MARCH TO GOLDEN WERE COVERED IN THE
OUTLINE SENT TO LABOR ATTACHE MAY 7 FOR DISCUSSION
WITH WEBER. THE WAY DOL INTERPETS REFTEL, WEBER IS

ABANDONING ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH SHEA AND GOLDEN FOR NEW TOPICS INVOLVING A MORE LIMITED AUDIENCE.

AS EXAMPLES, NO TIME IS ALLOWED FOR CONTACTS WITH TRADE UNIONS AND INDUSTRY IN RIO, TOPIC DISCUSSIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN SAFETY AND ALEGRE IS ADDED AS A THIRD SITE.

3. SINCE GOLDEN'S VISIT, THE US CONSULATE IN PORTO ALEGRE HAS REQUESTED THE DOL TO PRESENT A SEMINAR ON AGRICULTURAL SAFETY UNDER CONSULATE SPONSORSHIP. DOL HAS AGREED TO DO THIS IN MARCH 78 (SEE CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN BUGBEE AND BARR DATED APRIL 22 AND MAY 10, 1977.) IN VIEW OF DOL AND CONSULATE COMMITMENTS ON THIS SEMINAR, DOL BELIEVES VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE IN NOVEMBER WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS. HOWEVER, DOL IS PREPARED TO OBLIGE IF DR. WEBER INSISTS. DOL COULD IF NECESSARY MOUNT A PRESENTATION FROM AMONG PRESENT MISSION NOMINEES, THOUGH THERE IS NO EXPERTISE ON MISSION IN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND A LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF PESTICIDES. IN DOL VIEW, THE ONLY VALUE OF A VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE THIS YEAR WOULD BE TO SEEK INFORMATION FOR 1978 SEMINAR AND PROMOTE GOOD WILL.

4. IN REFERENCE TO DR. WEBER'S SAO PAULO AGENDA SUGGEST-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 184046

IONS: GOLDEN AND JAMES MACK HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRAZILIAN ACCIDENT PREVENTION ASSOCIATION'S (ABPA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTED DOL TO PRESENT SEVERAL SUBJECTS DURING THE SEMINAR OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE ABPA. THESE SUBJECTS WERE INCLUDED IN THE OUTLINE. IN ADDITION, ABPA HAS IN ITS ORGANIZATION THE SAFETY OFFICERS OF SEVERAL BRAZILIAN AUTOMOBILE PRODUCERS AND FOUR AUTO COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WERE AMONG THOSE WHO MET WITH GOLDEN AND MACK. ALSO THIS GROUP DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF A JOINT SEMINAR WITH AUTO UNIONS TO EXPLORE SAFETY PROBLEMS AS A COOPERATIVE VENTURE OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT, AN IDEA THAT AUTO UNION REPRESENTATIVES ALSO ENDORSED.

5. IS THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS ABPA OR ARE

THEY CONNECTED IN SOME WAY? IF NOT, WHAT CONFLICT WILL ALL OF THIS CAUSE AND WHAT CAN POST OR WEBER DO TO RESOLVE OR AVOID IT? ELIMINATE PORTO ALEGRE AND USE THE TIME IN SAO PAULO?

ABPA ALSO HAS A U.S. VISIT SCHEDULED FOR 30 PERSONS IN OCTOBER FOR WHICH THE DOL HAS ARRANGED A PROGRAM AT THE SAO PAULO U.S. CONSULATE'S REQUEST. FROM HERE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO GRACIOUS WAY TO AVOID PRESENTING A PROGRAM IN SAO PAULO THAT INCLUDES ABPA.

6. THE UAW REPRESENTATIVE ALREADY RECRUITED FOR THE LABOR MISSION WILL WANT TO MEET WITH BRAZILIAN AUTOWORKERS IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF WE DO NOT HAVE FORMAL SESSIONS ON SAFETY. THIS COULD BE DONE AFTER SEMINAR SESSIONS. DOL ALSO NEEDS EMBASSY THINKING ON WHETHER ORIGINAL IDEA OF CONTACTING SAO PAULO AUTOWORKERS' UNION AS IMPORTANT TARGET GROUP AS WAS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY AND AIFLD OFFICERS CAN NOW BE ABANDONED
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 184046

GIVEN FACT THAT DOL HAS OBTAINED UAW PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST IN A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADVANCE AND IMPROVE AUTO UNION RELATIONSHIPS. DOL SEES VALUE OF SUCH CONTACT BEING MADE.

7. DOL WILL ADJUST SEMINAR AGENDA, EXCLUDING WORKMEN COMPENSATION AND EMPHASIZING VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE.

8. DOL REQUESTS POST ANSWER SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, SEMINARS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 05-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE184046
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: IGOLDEN/BLS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770283-0064
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770891/aaaaczdq.tel
Line Count: 145
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 805de360-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN LAB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 RIO DE JANEIRO 3346
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1694087
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
TAGS: ELAB, OCON, BR
To: RIO DE JANEIRO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/805de360-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009